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SUBJECT: SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS VISIT U.S.

1. ALBERTO VALVERDE WRITES FROM WASHINGTON FOR DIARIO 16 (MODERATE LEFT SENSATIONALIST) OF APRIL 1: "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS GUARANTEED THE SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT GROUP VISITING WASHINGTON THAT THE UNITED STATE WILL ABSTAIN FROM INTERFERING IN THE SPANISH ELECTORAL PROCESS... THE POSTURE OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS ONE OF NEUTRALITY... ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON WILL ALWAYS BE DISPOSED TO ASSIST THE OPTIONS AND PARTIES THAT FALL WITHIN THE...LARGE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL MOVEMENTS OF EUROPE."

2. GUSTAVO VALVERDE WRITES FROM NEW YORK FOR APRIL 1 YA (CHRISTIAN MODERATE CONSERVATIVE): "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AWAITS WITH GREAT INTEREST THE COMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT SUAREZ TO THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT GROUP... IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK IN AN EFFORT BY THE SPANISH OPPOSITION TO EXPLAIN...THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRESENT DEMOCRATIC PROCESS RELATING TO THE COMING JUNE ELECTIONS.

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3. THE FOUR REPRESENTATIVES DECLARED IN A MEETING WITH SPANISH JOURNALISTS THAT "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS OFFERING EVERY INDICATION OF WANTING TO ADOPT A TOTAL NEUTRALITY TOWARD THE SPANISH DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, "MAINTAINING EXTREME CARE IN NOT TAKING AN OFFICIAL POSITION" OF TACIT SUPPORT TO THE (SPANISH) GOVERNMENT, IN CLEAR CONTRAST TO THE ATTITUDE

OBSERVED IN THE PRECEEDING ADMINISTRATION...

4. "THE VISITING GROUP...EMPHASIZED THAT, IN ITS ENCOUNTERS WITH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THESE SHOWED INTEREST...IN THE QUESTION OF EUROCOMMUNISM AND THE EVENTUAL LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN SPAIN...THE AMERICANS DID NOT EXPRESS A PREDILECTION, BUT NEITHER DID THEY EMIT ANY REBUFF TOWARD SUCH AN EVENTUALITY, IN CLEAR CONTRAST TO THE OPENLY NEGATIVE POSITION OF MR. KISSINGER..."

5. FELIPE SAHAGUN WRITES FROM NEW YORK FOR APRIL 1 INFORMACIONES (CENTER): "THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TOLD THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT REPRESENTATIVES...THAT THEY CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO AID SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WHILE THEY REMAIN UNINTEGRATED INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, SO THAT THEIR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS DO NOT IMPEDE THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

6. "THE SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS EXPRESSED TO THE AMERICAN LEADERS THEIR OPINION IN FAVOR OF THE LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. ' FOR POLITICAL AND LEGAL REASONS...ITS LEGALIZATION IS NECESSARY. CURIOUSLY, AT NO MOMENT DID WE RECEIVE FROM THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION THE TYPE OF REPROACHES WE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE LAST ADMINISTRATION... IN WASHINGTON, THEY SEEMED VERY INTERESTED IN THE ELECTORAL STRENGTH THAT THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY MIGHT HAVE.'" EATON
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